

10th February 2010

Dear Sirs

We have been informed that you are conducting an inquiry into Wind farms in rural areas.

We wish to lodge this submission to let you know of the benefits our family and our region have benefited from Wind farm construction in our area.

Our family has been on our farm for 100 years, it is located 20kms North of Jamestown in the Mid North of South Australia.

We have been lucky to be involved in the wind farm industry in this area since it was first discussed back in 2002 – we have been involved as land owners and now contractors to developers.

Over 2 different Wind farms we have 8 towers on our property which has helped us financially giving us a regular income each year providing us with stability for our family. The financial institutions we deal with look on this favourably when we ask to increase borrowings to purchase more land or equipment.

We were able to be involved with the construction phase of the first Wind farm in our area and we now hire equipment to contractors, work on site with removal of steel from blade cages and other duties as required. This has meant that we have had to employ additional staff and involve another family to assist us with running a farm and contracting business.

Our local communities in general have also benefited with many local farmers now able to rent out old farm house which have not been lived in for a while. The workers on site all shop locally so the benefits are far reaching.

We consider that our area would be far different if the Wind industry had not entered our area with many business' struggling to cope with the drought and the economic impact this brings, but now most are now able to see a future.

Sporting groups and other organisations in the area have benefited from grants which we now have been available from AGL. Many of these projects would not of have gone ahead with out this support.

The wind farm industry has our full support, if you wish to discuss this further please feel free to contact us.

Yours faithfully
Darren & Kerrie Robinson